

show us how we can look for ways to serve our community and country.

Mr. Speaker, Deputy Chief Hardt has been a true community servant in our Watertown for over three impressive decades of service. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today, and I wish him a restful retirement with plenty of time to spend with his family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to a family medical emergency, I had to return to my district in the early afternoon of Wednesday October 25.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 585, NAY on Roll Call No. 586, NAY on Roll Call No. 587, and YEA on Roll Call No. 588.

RECOGNIZING PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mr. LAHOOD Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize a critical organization that supports residents of Illinois' 18th Congressional District, Prevent Child Abuse America, as they celebrate their 45th anniversary.

In 1972, Donna J. Stone founded Prevent Child Abuse America in Chicago, Illinois. Over the years, Prevent Child Abuse America has been a leader in promoting healthy development of children through prevention of child abuse. While the organization has expanded to chapters in all 50 states, the mission of Prevent Child Abuse America has continued to remain the same.

Prevent Child Abuse America is committed to preventing the neglect and abuse of children across our nation. Their Healthy Families America program makes services easily accessible to children across our country and allows Prevent Child Abuse America to reach nearly 100,000 families each year. With their state headquarters located in Springfield, Illinois, I am grateful for the services they provide to families in the 18th District and across Illinois.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Prevent Child Abuse America on their 45th Anniversary, and I wish them much success as they continue to provide essential services to families, in Illinois and across our country, for years to come.

IRAN BALLISTIC MISSILES AND INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS ENFORCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1698, the Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act. This legislation confirms the United States's mission to prevent Iran its developing their nuclear-capable ballistic missile program.

H.R. 1698 requires the President to impose sanctions on the Iranian government, foreign actors or people who supply technology and material to contribute to the Iranian ballistic missile program, and any party who contributes weapons or related material to Iran. This legislation also directs the President to investigate violations of these sanctions either by Iran or foreign entities and report all violations to Congress. In taking these actions, H.R. 1698 recognizes the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 from 2015 and commits to enforcing it by authorizing investigations of all ballistic missile tests to see if they are in violation of the resolution.

The investigations that this bill authorizes will help us better understand and identify the banks, companies, governments and other foreign entities that contribute in some way to the development of the Iranian ballistic missile program. It is crucially important that we take steps to recognize these key actors and punish them with sanctions. It is for these reasons that I am pleased to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I missed Roll Call Number 581, on October 24, regarding the question of passage of H.R. 3898, the Otto Warmbier North Korea Nuclear Sanctions Act. Had I voted, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, on roll call 580, I was unavoidably detained as a result of a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

On roll call 588, I was unavoidably detained as a result of a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

URGING EUROPEAN UNION TO DESIGNATE HIZBALLAH AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

SPEECH OF

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Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 359, legislation urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase international pressure on the organization.

Hizballah has demonstrated its commitment as an organization to promoting fear, violence, and terror worldwide for decades through the murder of global citizens. Its 1983 attack on the U.S. Marine Compound in Beirut was the most deadly single-day attack on the United States Marine Corps since the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. Our nation has condemned Hizballah as a terrorist organization and leveraged significant financial sanctions against it, but we believe more can be accomplished through international cooperation with our friends at the European Union.

With this resolution, we urge the European Union to condemn Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization, rather than condemning its military wing alone, and ask them to stand with us to fight terrorism internationally. With increased financial pressure and more active international policing, together we can end Hizballah's terrorist activities and create a more peaceful and safer world. Cooperation between the European Union and the United States is crucial in the fight against transnational terrorism, and it is for this reason that I support this resolution.

IN HONOR OF PATRICIA CLARK FOR HER FEDERAL SERVICE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Clark as she retires after more than five decades of service to the Federal Aviation Administration at the Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center in Nashua. The people of the Granite State and throughout New England owe a debt of gratitude to Patty for ensuring the safety of pilots and fliers, as well as continuing the efficiency of our transportation system. Further, it should be noted that Patty has maintained perfect attendance throughout her decades of service, never using vacation leave or a sick day.

In 2013, during my first term in the U.S. House of Representatives, I was honored to have introduced legislation, H.R. 1092, that became law renaming the Nashua facility the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center." Renaming this facility after Patty was the very least that could be done to honor her accomplishments to the air traffic control industry here in New England. I am honored to be able to recognize Patty once again on the occasion of her retirement from federal service.